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1. IN SAME CONVERSATION WITH CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS NUTTING AND MCDOWELL REPORTED REFTEL A, CANADIANS RAISED MATTER OF U.S. ROLE IN PLANNED ROMANIAN PURCHASE HEAVY WATER TECHNOLOGY AND CANDU REACTORS FROM CANADA. KRATZER EXPLAINED OUR ANALYSIS OF U.S. POSITION ALONG LINES REFTEL B.

2. MAJOR PART OF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON POSSIBLE NEED FOR U.S. APPROVAL OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS BY CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. FIRMS. CANADIANS RECALLED SENSITIVITIES EXPOSED AT TIME CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES PROPOSED EXPORT MOTOR VEHICLES AND LOCOMOTIVES TO CUBA AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SIMILAR SITUATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP. KRATZER INDICATED U.S. AWARENESS OF PROBLEM AND EXPRESSED STRONG
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U.S. DESIRE TO AVOID SUCH SITUATION. HE NOTED THAT WE HAD

NOT REPEAT NOT YET FINALLY DETERMINED WHAT, IF ANY, U.S.
APPROVALS ACTUALLY MIGHT BE REQUIRED AND THAT WE WERE NOT
ANXIOUS TO EXERCISE ANY REGULATORY AUTHORITY UNLESS REQUIRED
BY U.S. LAW OR REGULATION. HE FURTHER OBSERVED, HOWEVER,
THAT IN ANY EVENT HE BELIEVED SITUATION WAS NOT ANALAGOUS
SINCE, IN CASE OF CUBA, U.S. AND CANADA WERE PURSUING
DIVERGENT POLICIES WHEREAS IN THE CASE OF NUCLEAR
COOPERATION WITH ROMANIA (AND SPECIFICALLY SAFEGUARDS
ASPECTS), THE U.S. AND CANADA HAD QUITE SIMILAR
OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES. NUTTING AND MCDOWELL APPEARED
TO SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION. KISSINGER

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